

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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NOTICE OF MEETING

PUBLIC BODY: **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

TODAY'S DATE: **March 10, 2005**

MEETING TIME: **Friday, March 18, 2005**
8:30 a.m.

PLACE: **Washoe County Administration Offices**
1001 E 9th Street, Bldg C
Central Conference Room
Reno, Nevada

Don Henderson, Director

REVISED AGENDA

The following items will be discussed and acted upon but may be taken in different order to accommodate the interests and time limitations of persons attending:

Call to Order by Chairman Benny Romero

1. **Board Business**
 - A. Introduction of new staff to the board including: Ron Turner, Administrator, Division of Plant Industry; Mark Jensen, State Director, USDA Wildlife Services, Tisa Whitcomb, Administrative Assistant III, Plant Industry, Doug Perry, Administrative Services Officer, and Sandie Foley, Administrative Assistant IV. **(INFORMATION)**
 - B. *Approval of Minutes (Foley) **(ACTION)**
 - C. Election of Officers **(ACTION)**
 - D. Special Reports
 1. Overview & update on the Agriculture Enforcement Unit (Connelley) **(INFORMATION)**
 - E. *Consideration of Western States Petroleum Association's petition under NRS 233B.100 to repeal LCB file No. R002-04, amendment of gasoline standards found at NRS 590.065 relating to the 38th parallel. **(ACTION)**

1. Don Henderson, NDOA Director
2. Vernon Miller, NDOA Senior Petroleum Chemist
3. Steve Grabski, Administrator, Division of Measurement Standards
4. John Sande, Jones Vargas representing the Western States Petroleum Assn.
5. Ellen Shapiro, Alliance of Automotive Manufacturers
6. Gina Session, Senior Deputy Attorney General
7. Public comments

- F. *Review of request by Fred Fulstone, Jr.(F.I.M.Corporation)for board support against regulatory actions taken against the grazing of domestic sheep in Sierra Bighorn habitats. **(ACTION)**
- G. *Consideration of approval of board letter to Gale Norton, Secretary of Interior, urging agency action to improve the management of wild horses in Nevada. (McCuin) **(ACTION)**
- H. *Overview and update on recent reports concerning the management and operation of the UNR Main Station in Reno. Dean, David Thawley or Rang Narayanan, Associate Dean, UNR College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources. **(ACTION)**
- I. Presentation and request by the Nevada Conservation Commission for board support on issues relating to Nevada Department of Wildlife programs governing depredation by state wildlife. (James Settlemeyer, Chairman, Nevada State Conservation Commission.) **(ACTION)**

2. **Director's Report** (Henderson)

- A. *Update on Department activities **(INFORMATION)**
- B. *Update and review on status of legislation supported by or potentially affecting the Department of Agriculture **(ACTION)** **(See Attachments)**

3. **Division of Administration** (Gimlin)

- A. Legislative audit update **(INFORMATION)**
- B. 2005-2007 budget update **(INFORMATION)**
- C. *Transfer of funds to Wildlife Services **(ACTION)**

4. **Division of Livestock Identification** (Connelley) **(INFORMATION)**

- A. Program update

5. **Division of Measurement Standards** (Grabski)

- A. Status Report on Division legislation **(INFORMATION)**
1. SB 26, Distribution of funds from the DMV pollution account
 2. AB 105, one shot appropriation for W&M equipment
 3. BDR 658, NRS 590 changes regarding advertising, definitions and enforcement
 4. BDR 1136, industry sponsored bill for funding W&M with the 0.055 cents imported fuel inspection

5. Other bills of interest

B. Review of licensing fees and how they affect the livestock and petroleum industries. The direction the board wishes to pursue and any changes to NAC 581 and if the Division should go to workshop and hearing. **(ACTION)**

1. Annual livestock scale license
2. Special license rate for witnessed tests under certain circumstances
3. How license fees are determined

C. Interesting information on gasoline phase separation **(INFORMATION)**

6. **Division of Plant Industry** (O'Brien)

A. *Request permission to move forward with amendment to NAC 555.010, changing the noxious weed list to a tiered system. Workshops and hearings were held on February 16 and 17, 2005. Informational statement is attached. (Rafferty) **(ACTION)**

B. Introduction of Gary Cross, new Seed Analyst (O'Brien) **(INFORMATION)**

C. Seed Laboratory report (Cross) **(INFORMATION)**

D. *Reappointment of Jim List and Mike Phillips to the Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board **(ACTION)**

E. *Approval of \$100 membership to Council for Agriculture Science and Technology (CAST) **(ACTION)**

F. Mormon cricket update (O'Brien) **(INFORMATION)**

G. Restricted fertilizer update (Mason) **(INFORMATION)**

H. *EPA quarterly report (Moses) **(INFORMATION)**

I. *Las Vegas Report (Smigel) **(INFORMATION)**

7. **Division of Animal Industry** (Thain) **(INFORMATION)**

A. Animal Disease Update

1. Bovine Tuberculosis
2. West Nile Virus
3. BSE-Canadian import rule
4. Wyoming-Greater Yellowstone Area Brucellosis
5. Scrapie
6. Johnes
7. Trichomonosis

B. Elko Veterinary Diagnostician Position **(INFORMATION)**

C. Nevada Premise Registration for animal ID **(INFORMATION)**

D. Animal Disease and Food Safety Laboratory **(INFORMATION)**

1. Scrapie genetic testing
2. Johnes testing
3. Bovigam certification Bovine Gamma Interferon Testing
4. National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN)
5. WNV
6. Lab remodel
7. Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician (FADD) training
8. **Division of Resource Protection** (Jensen)
 - A. Program update (**INFORMATION**)
9. Public Comments (**INFORMATION**)
10. Travel Claims and Salary (**INFORMATION**)
11. Date of Next Meeting (**ACTION**)
12. Adjournment (**ACTION**)

Anyone desiring further information or explanation of the above agenda items may call Sandie Foley at (775) 688-1180 x 230 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(* denotes supporting documents in the board packet)

(ACTION) indicates that the Board needs to take action on an item. Please note what action is needed by the Board on these items. **(INFORMATION)** indicates an information item for the Board. **Chairman Benny Romero has requested very brief reports.** Make sure that ACTION items have accompanying information for the “Board” to look at.

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